

IN THE CLAIMS

*Please cancel all pending, i.e., claims 1-18, 20-49, 51 and 52 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein; and*

*Please add new claims 53-60 as follows:*

Claims 1-52 (Canceled).

53. (New) A vibration-damping ring insert arrangement, comprising:

    a vibration-damping ring;

    a hollow cylinder member comprising a first end, a second end, and an inner surface that is connected to an outer surface of the vibration-dampening ring;

    the vibration-damping ring comprising a through opening, a first annular projecting portion, and a second annular projecting portion, the first and second annular projecting portions extending respectively beyond the first and second ends of the hollow cylinder member;

    the second end of the hollow cylinder member comprising an annular surface which extends substantially perpendicular to an axis running through the hollow cylinder member;

    a vibration-damping material permanently connected or non-removably fixed to the annular surface of the second end;

    the vibration-damping material comprising a rubber or elastomeric layer; and

    a plurality of holding elements extending outwardly from an outer surface of the hollow cylinder member, whereby the plurality of holding elements are adapted to secure the hollow cylinder member in an opening of a component.

54. (New) The arrangement of claim 53, wherein the first and second annular projecting portions extend respectively beyond the first and second ends of the hollow cylinder member by substantially equal amounts.

55. (New) The arrangement of claim 53, wherein the annular surface is arranged on one of an outwardly extending edge and outwardly extending edge segments.

56. (New) The arrangement of claim 53, wherein the hollow cylinder member is made of metal.

57. (New) The arrangement of claim 53, wherein the hollow cylinder member comprises a slot.

58. (New) The arrangement of claim 53, wherein the hollow cylinder member comprises a circumferential retaining groove.

59. (New) The arrangement of claim 53, further comprising a securing ring adapted to engage with the hollow cylinder member.

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